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SUBJECT: NETHERLANDS/HRC: U.S. NOT TO RUN FOR HRC, BUT
DUTCH WILL

REF: A. A) STATE 55461

[1](#)B. B) THE HAGUE 659

Classified By: Political Counselor Andrew J. Schofer; reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

[1](#)1. (U) This is an action/guidance request; please see paragraph 5.

[1](#)2. (C) Ambassador delivered April 7 ref A demarche explaining the USG decision not to seek a seat on the newly created Human Rights Council (HRC) to MFA Director General for Political Affairs, Hugo Siblesz. (Note: As noted ref B, Siblesz had earlier urged the U.S. to seek a seat on the Council.) Poloff delivered demarche separately to Head of MFA Human Rights Division, Anneke Adema.

[1](#)3. (C) Siblesz expressed his disappointment at our decision but used the occasion to seek our support for the GONL's newly announced candidacy to the HRC. Per ref B, the Dutch stress that they share many of our concerns about the HRC resolution. They expect the new HRC to resolve many of the resolution's ambiguities, including rules governing the system of rapporteurs, and the role of NGOs.

[1](#)4. (C) Adema separately stressed to poloff that the GONL was, within the EU, "the closest country to the U.S. position." She also sought U.S. support for the Dutch candidacy to the HRC.

[1](#)5. (C) Post requests Department provide guidance on how to respond to the Dutch request for U.S. support.
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